

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 716
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Flossie Tate upon receipt of the Tennessee's Outstanding Older Worker of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Flossie Tate, who was recently recognized as Tennessee's "Outstanding Older Worker of the Year", an award from Experience Works, Incorporated, a company based in Arlington, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, at ninety years of age, Mrs. Flossie Tate, a clerk with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, is thought to be the oldest worker in Tennessee government; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate commutes more than thirty miles a day from her home in White House to the Davy Crockett State Office Building, where she occupies a window-side cubicle, opens mail, stamps documents, and, four times a year, assembles 2,200 folders for her division, which processes unemployment insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-five year veteran of the State of Tennessee, Flossie Tate dedicated her first career to Avco Manufacturing, a Nashville-based company that made parts for aircraft, where she worked for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate began working at Avco as a machinist after the death of her brother in World War II. Throughout her exemplary tenure with Avco, Mrs. Tate was actively involved with the Labor Union and the Avco Chorus and Glee Club; and

WHEREAS, after her retirement from Avco, Flossie Tate spent a year as a substitute teacher at White House High School; however, she soon grew bored during the long summer vacation and applied for a position with the state government; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Flossie Tate epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, daughter, Violet Roaden-Crowder, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mrs. Tate for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Mrs. Flossie Tate upon her receipt of the Tennessee's Outstanding Older Worker of the Year Award, honor and commend her for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.